

## Real Estate Fraud Prosecution

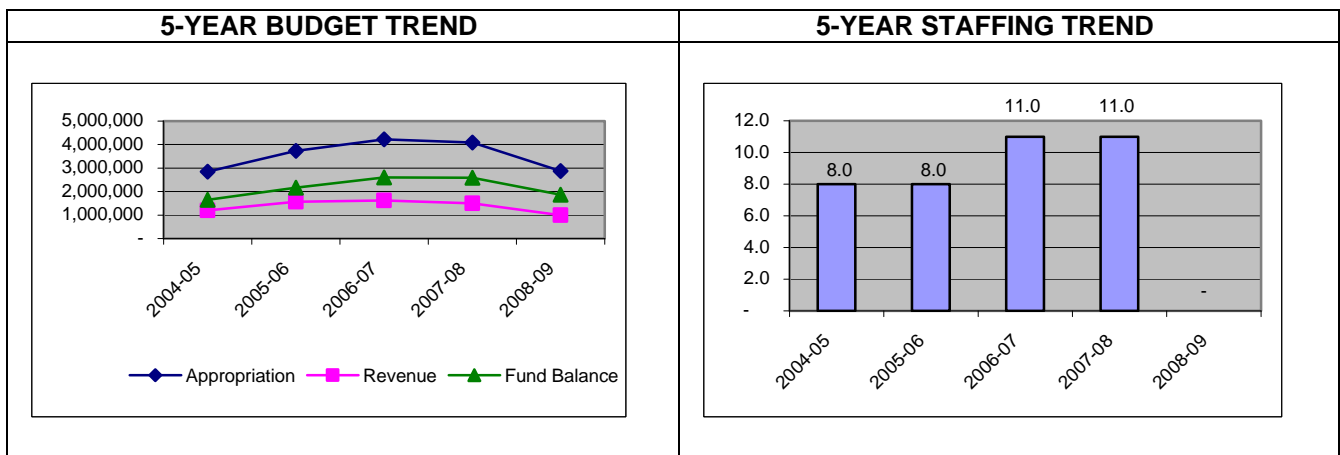
### DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

On January 23, 1996, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 96-14 to allow the county to collect, pursuant to Government Code Section 27388, a \$2 fee upon recording documents. These monies, in accordance with state law, are used to fund the Real Estate Fraud unit that investigates and prosecutes real estate fraud crimes in the county. This budget unit funds five investigators, one supervising investigator, two Deputy District Attorneys, one investigative technician, one office assistant and one secretary.

In this county the district attorney, not only prosecutes, but investigates all real estate fraud cases. The workload has steadily increased in the last several years and additional staffing has been added to meet the demand.

There will be no staffing associated with this budget unit in 2008-09. Staff that provide these services are budgeted in the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit.

### BUDGET HISTORY



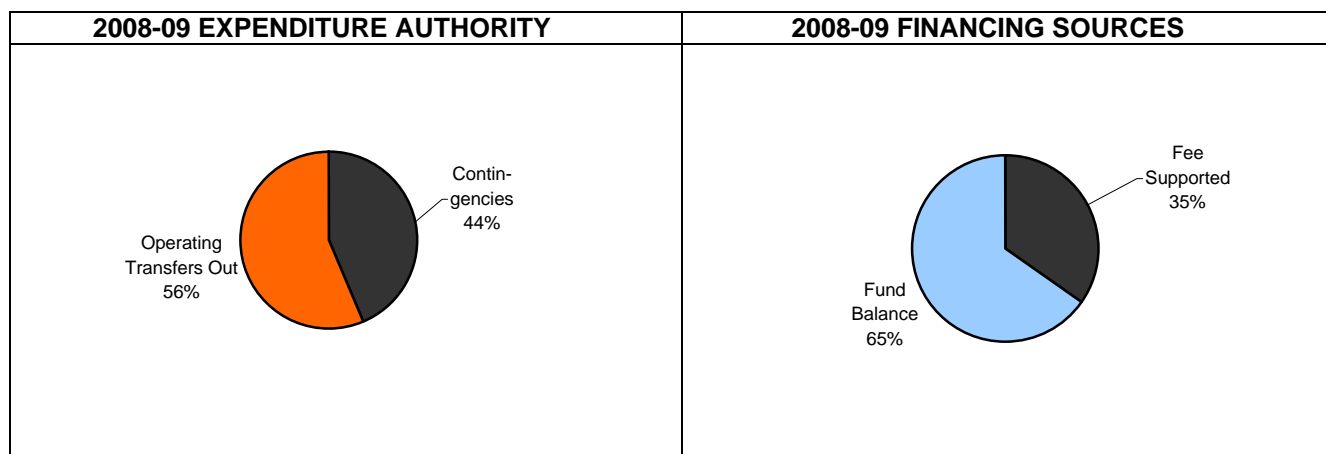
### PERFORMANCE HISTORY

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Modified Budget	2007-08 Estimate
Appropriation	1,004,667	1,095,372	1,335,055	4,088,637	1,618,683
Departmental Revenue	1,521,220	1,523,829	1,323,042	1,500,000	900,000
Fund Balance				2,588,637	
Budgeted Staffing				11.0	

In accordance with Section 29009 of the State Government Code, the entire unreserved fund balance must be appropriated each year. Accordingly, expenditures in this fund are typically less than budget. The amount not expended is carried over to the subsequent year's budget.

Departmental revenue in 2007-08 are less than budget due directly to the housing market/sub-prime mortgage loans fall out.

## ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET



GROUP: Law and Justice  
 DEPARTMENT: District Attorney  
 FUND: Real Estate Fraud Prosecution

BUDGET UNIT: REB DAT  
 FUNCTION: Public Protection  
 ACTIVITY: Judicial

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Estimate	2007-08 Final Budget	2008-09 Proposed Budget	Change From 2007-08 Final Budget
<b>Appropriation</b>							
Salaries and Benefits	880,196	975,957	1,123,084	1,408,509	1,433,481	-	(1,433,481)
Services and Supplies	83,902	78,525	125,761	142,092	113,258	-	(113,258)
Central Computer	3,945	6,133	7,327	6,879	6,879	-	(6,879)
Vehicles	-	-	41,902	16,203	23,000	-	(23,000)
Transfers	36,624	34,757	36,981	45,000	54,467	-	(54,467)
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	2,457,552	1,252,027	(1,205,525)
Total Appropriation	1,004,667	1,095,372	1,335,055	1,618,683	4,088,637	1,252,027	(2,836,610)
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	1,617,927	1,617,927
Total Requirements	1,004,667	1,095,372	1,335,055	1,618,683	4,088,637	2,869,954	(1,218,683)
<b>Departmental Revenue</b>							
Current Services	1,521,220	1,517,351	1,323,042	900,000	1,500,000	1,000,000	(500,000)
Other Financing Sources	-	6,478	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	1,521,220	1,523,829	1,323,042	900,000	1,500,000	1,000,000	(500,000)
Fund Balance					2,588,637	1,869,954	(718,683)
Budgeted Staffing					11.0	-	(11.0)

The 2008-09 budget reflects a technical change in the way the asset forfeiture staffing and expenses are budgeted. Employee/positions and expenses have been moved to the primary District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit and corresponding fines and forfeitures revenue from this budget unit will be transferred out to cover those costs. This change was requested because Real Estate Fraud revenue is difficult to predict and can vary greatly from year to year, making year-end processing and budget procedures very difficult. The department will also have greater flexibility in making staff reductions in the event of declining revenue (reassignments and absorb through attritions).

